

minated preschoolers through education programs aimed at parents, through the integration of services, and through the enlistment of teachers, local health clinics, and other concerned individuals and organizations.

All of us who care about children—especially parents and grandparents but also educators, public officials, and health care providers—must renew our commitment to ensuring that every American preschooler is protected through age-appropriate immunizations. Doing so is vital to the well-being of our children and to the future of our Nation.

The Congress, by joint resolution approved May 18, 1928, as amended (36 U.S.C. 143), has called for the designation of the first Monday in October as "Child Health Day" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 5, 1992, as Child Health Day. I urge all Americans to join me in renewing our commitment to protecting the lives of this Nation's youngest citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventeenth.

GEORGE BUSH

#### **Proclamation 6479 of September 26, 1992**

#### **Leif Erikson Day, 1992**

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### *A Proclamation*

When we Americans commemorate the voyages of Leif Erikson, the daring Norse navigator who explored the North American coast some 1,000 years ago, we celebrate the enduring spirit of discovery—a spirit that is leading us to ever new frontiers in learning and commerce. As we remember "Leif the Lucky," the brave son of Iceland and grandson of Norway, we also celebrate the close, cordial ties that exist between the United States and the Nordic countries. Those ties have been strengthened and enriched over the years by the outstanding contributions of Nordic-Americans, who take special interest in this annual observance of Leif Erikson Day.

Last year descendants of early Norse explorers reenacted the voyages of Leif Erikson by sailing replicas of Viking ships from Norway to Iceland, Greenland, and North America. The success of this tribute to "1,000 Years of Discovery" rekindled feelings of friendship on both sides of the Atlantic and reaffirmed our admiration for all those who continue to chart new realms of knowledge and human endeavor—from pioneers in science and technology to the courageous peoples who, for the first time in decades or perhaps for the first time ever, are beginning to reap the rewards of democracy and free enterprise.

At a time when relations between Europe and America are being renewed and strengthened in light of the new, post-Cold War era, the Nordic countries have an important role to play in fostering continued transatlantic cooperation, including an open trading system and mutual support of democratic reform. Likewise, Americans who trace their roots to the Nordic countries—Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden—provide a living link between continents, much as their ancestors did nearly a millennium ago.

In recognition of the legendary achievements of Leif Erikson and in honor of our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution approved on September 2, 1964 (78 Stat. 849, 36 U.S.C. 169c), designated October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day" and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 9, 1992, as Leif Erikson Day. I invite all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventeenth.

GEORGE BUSH

#### **Proclamation 6480 of September 26, 1992**

#### **Fire Prevention Week, 1992**

*By the President of the United States of America*  
*A Proclamation*

Despite all that we have learned about fire prevention and safety, residential fires remain our Nation's number one fire problem. Fires in the home account for four out of every five fire-related deaths, three out of every four fire-related injuries, and almost half of all fire-related property losses.

The vast majority of fire-related deaths occur in homes that do not have a working smoke detector. Because the early warning provided by such a device can dramatically increase one's chances of surviving a fire, it is imperative that homeowners not only install but also maintain smoke detectors in recommended areas of the home. During the past quarter-century, home fire protection has improved dramatically with the installation of at least one smoke detector in most homes. Yet, more Americans must avail themselves of this lifesaving technology, and those in homes with smoke detectors must be sure to test and service them regularly.

To convey that message nationwide, the United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association have dedicated this year's Fire Prevention Week activities to the theme, "Test Your Detector—It's Sound Advice!" I urge Americans to pay heed to fire safety throughout the year and especially during this first week of October. Homeowners should walk through their homes and be certain that